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SUBJECT: PERIODIC US-AUSTRALIAN DISCUSSIONS OF POLICY
ISSUES

REF: CANBERRA 3720

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1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HUMMEL AND MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGES-
TIONS REGARDING FORTHCOMING SERIES OF TALKS.

„ FROM GOA VIEWPOINT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ANZUS
TRIPARTITE TALKS COULD BE SPACED A SOMEWHAT LONGER PERIOD
AFTER BILATERAL AUSTRALIAN-UNITED STATES DEFENSE TALKS IN
WASHINGTON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. THIS WOULD PROVIDE MORE
CONTINUITY AND ORDERLINESS. ANZUS TALKS MIGHT THEREFORE
TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER. THE SUGGESTION
HAD ALSO BEEN PUT UP TO NEW ZEALAND WHICH HAD PROPOSED
THEY BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON.

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3. SHAW ALSO PROPOSED THAT BILATERAL POLICY TALKS BE

HELD IN CANBERRA TWO OR THREE MONTHS AFTER ANZUS TALKS,
AGAIN TO SPACE THINGS OUT.

4. HUMMEL SAID THAT WE WOULD LOOK INTO THE SUGGESTIONS
CAREFULLY AND RESPOND TO THEM.

5. SHAW THEN GAVE HUMMEL BRIEF LETTER NOTING THAT
DEFENSE MINISTER BARNARD WOULD LIKE VISIT WASHINGTON
ABOUT AUGUST 26 IF CONVENIENT, TO UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY
NEGOTIATIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR
AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES. SMALL TEAM OF OFFICIALS, HEADED
BY D. H. ELTRINGHAM, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(LOGISTICAL), DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WOULD PAVE WAY FOR
VISIT. HUMMEL REPLIED THAT WE WOULD RESPOND TO
PROPOSAL.

6. SHAW ALSO AGAIN NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE
PLANNING VISIT UNGA FOR TWO WEEKS IN OCTOBER AND WOULD
PROBABLY LIKE VISIT WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS TO SEE
SECRETARY KISSINGER.

7. RE POSSIBLE VISIT BY PM WHITLAM, SHAW REITERATED
PERSONAL VIEW, THAT HE HAD NO PLANS TO VISIT UNGA OR
COME TO US IN NEAR FUTURE. SISCO

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